In addition, the investment in Central Public Enterprises established earlier to 1967 such as Madras Fertilizers Ltd., Madras Refineries Ltd., Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd., BHEL's Tiruchy units etc. has also shown substantial increase. As on 31-3-1967 the total investment of Central Public Enterprises in Tamil Nadu was Rs. 198.4 crores whereas as on 31-3-1985, the amount is Rs. 2548.86 crores.

Agency for technological upgradation of small scale industries

1192. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish a technology development agency to provide service for modernisation and technological upgradation of the small scale industries in the country;

(b) if so, by when the proposed agency is likely to be set up; and

(c) what are the aims and objects of the proposed development agency and to what extent the small sector industries will be benefited thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The shape, content and coverage of the Technology Development Cell have not been finalised.

Sick Units

1195. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of large, medium and small scale industries which were sick till June, 1986;

(b) the amount of money blocked in these units;

(c) the number of units financed by the Industrial Finance Corporation of India and Industrial Development Bank of India which have turned sick; and

(d) the number of workers affected by the sickness of these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Data on sick industrial units assisted by banks are collected by the Reserve Bank of India as per the definition of sickness adopted by it. The details regarding the number of sick units as well as the amount outstanding against them, are given below:—

(Rs. crores)

	No. of units	Amount outstanding
Large units	597	2655·39
Medium units	1181	195·13
SSI units	97890	954·65
TOTAL :	99668	3805·17

The statistics have been collected from the latest report of the R.B.I. which covers the period ending June, 1985.

(c) and (d) Information on units financed by IFCI and IDBI as well as information regarding the number of workers affected by the sickness of the units assisted by them are not centrally maintained in this Ministry.

Vacancies of Judges in Karnataka High Court

1194. SHRI D.B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state how many vacancies of judges are there in the Karnataka High Court and since when these vacancies are lying unfilled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): Against the sanctioned strength of 24 Judges, there